

# Learning Through Literature



Learning Through Literature nurtures the love of books and develops the emergent reading readiness in the young child through participation in a literature based curriculum. Each Friday children in this class will enter into a story of a respected children's author; touching the author's goal of the story, the author's style, and learning the author's own story of how they came to use their gifts to create books.

Children will come to discover that "everyone has a story to tell!"

*Children will learn what an "author" is, what an "illustrator" is, and how a book is "built".*

*Children will understand that pictures and symbols have meaning and that print carries a message.*

*Children will learn that reading progresses from left to right and top to bottom.*

*Children will be able to predict what happens next using pictures and content for guides.*

*Children will be able to retell information from a story.*

*Children will be able to respond to simple questions about reading material.*

*Children will be able to demonstrate understanding of literal meaning of stories by making comments.*

*Children will use drawing and emergent writing skills to convey meaning and information.*

*Children will be able to dictate stories and experiences.*

*Children will be able to take lessons learned in stories and apply them to their life experience.*

